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SUBJECT: MILITARY VISITORS TO TAIWAN

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1. IT HAS COME TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT MAJOR GENERAL POGGEMEYER, COMMANDER OF THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, HAS RENEWED REQUEST TO VISIT TAIWAN (REFTEL) FROM 17 TO 19 DECEMBER. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT AN EARLIER REQUEST OF THIS KIND FROM POGGEMEYER IN OCTOBER WAS TURNED DOWN WHEN IT CAME TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT.

2. IF EMBASSY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED LATEST POGGEMEYER REQUEST WITH TDC AND CONCURRED IN IT, WE DO NOT WISH TO OVERRULE YOUR DECISION. IF NO RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF TDC TURNED THIS REQUEST DOWN. WE WILL TELL DEFENSE
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THAT WHILE WE CONTINUE TO OPPOSE POGGEMEYER VISIT

WE WILL DEFER TO EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT.

3. OUR OBJECTION TO POGGEMEYER VISIT STEMS FROM OUR DESIRE TO CUT BACK ON NON-ESSENTIAL VISITS BY HIGH-RANKING MILITARY PERSONNEL TO TAIWAN.

WHILE WE WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH VISITS BY THOSE WHO HAVE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS ON TAIWAN OR WHO NEED TO VISIT ELEMENTS UNDER THEIR COMMAND, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MANY VISITORS WHO, LIKE GENERAL POGGEMEYER, ARE MERELY CONTINUING THE PRACTICE OF DROPPING IN ON TAIWAN TO MEET THEIR US AND ROC COLLEAGUES, WITHOUT HAVING ANY SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSE.

4. AS GENERAL POGGEMEYER POINTS OUT IN REFTTEL, FORMAL DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR VISIT SUCH AS HIS, SINCE HE IS FROM OVERSEAS COMMAND. IN PRACTICE, DEFENSE DOES SOMETIMES BRING SUCH VISITS TO OUR ATTENTION AND REQUEST CONCURRENCE, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT BOUND TO DO SO. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, IS USUALLY IN BETTER POSITION TO MONITOR SUCH VISITS, AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL PREVAIL ON TDC TO CUT BACK ON THOSE OF A MAINLY CEREMONIAL NATURE.

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